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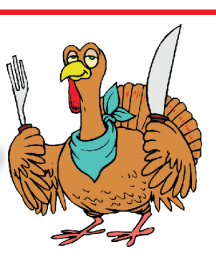

County to disburse federal funds for area projects

Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will be distributed to several local communities for local projects following approval by members of the Wayne County Commission earlier this month.

The commission is charged with distributing the federal funding and approved 14 local projects during the Nov. 3 meeting. The commissioners approved the report of the Committee of the Whole members recommending the use of the federal funds.

The agreements will continue through Oct. 31, 2025 and each community awarded funds is required to spend no less that 70 percent of the project award money provided through ARPA before Oct. 31, 2024.

If the funding has not been spent, Wayne County has an option to terminate the agreement and repurpose any remaining project funding, according to a prepared statement from the office of Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

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Each municipality will be required to present project expenses and vendor information to Wayne County officials for approval, the statement continued. Each of the municipalities is also required to have insurance coverage in place.

Among the local communities receiving funds for local projects is City of Belleville which will receive an amount not to exceed $176,800 for rehabilitation of Victory Station at Victory Park.

The City of Northville is scheduled to receive up to $2,500,000 for daylighting of the 12-acre Rouge River Park, to convert the Middle Rouge River into public parkland and create a continuous riverway along the Rouge River and Johnson Creek ultimately to the Detroit Rouge River Greenway as part of the development of the Northville Downs property.

Van Buren Township will receive funding not to exceed $4,500,000 for the Community Center project and Senior Center improvements.

The City of Wayne will receive up to $250,000 for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Goudy Park Amphitheater Pavilion.

Others receiving ARPA funding include: Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA of Taylor) not to exceed $50,000,000 to implement Workforce Development Initiatives (Commissioner Al Haidous abstained from the vote since he is active with SEMCA); City of Taylor not to exceed $2,326,230 for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Lange Park Action-Adventure Park; City of Trenton not to exceed $1,500,000 for the demolition of Riverside Hospital to support redevelopment of the property and improve quality of life for local residents and to the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan not to

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Changing lives

Therapeutic Recreation program success celebrated by community

Canton Township celebrated success last week during a special recognition program honoring the achievements of the Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Program at the Summit on the Park.

Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak explained that the program had achieved a positive impact on hundreds of program recipients whose lives had been improved with numerous opportunities to learn and reinforce life skills. These skills helped break down barriers for individuals with disabling conditions, she added. Several representatives from local communities served by the program along with Wayne County officials and other dignitaries were on hand to help recognize the positive impact of the program.

The special event recognized the work that the Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation program provides year-round to individuals from 8-years of age into adulthood, who are in need of these unique services and adaptive recreation opportunities. The event also recognized the ongoing support of Wayne County, as well as the surrounding communities that enable these programs to provide these inclusive programs to residents of Wayne County, officials noted in a prepared statement.

Typical Therapeutic Recreation classes and activities offered at the Canton facility include: art, aquatics, fitness, and sports, as well as cooking workshops, Leisure Club field trips, seasonal events, dances and parties, and summer camp. These year-round inclusive opportunities enable participants to acquire and improve life skills, as well as enjoy experiences that would otherwise not be accessible to them, officials said.

Canton Township Leisure Services is committed to an inclusive approach to recreation, which allows for individuals with disabilities to participate in programs and activities as fully as possible, while providing reasonable accommodations. Therapeutic Recreation (or "TR") accommodations typically include individualized techniques and resources that enhance participation without fundamentally altering a program, according to officials.

Individuals participating in Canton's Therapeutic Recreation programming must be able to accomplish personal skills like feeding, toileting, and dressing themselves. Individuals who are unable to accomplish these skills on their own may participate with assistance from an aide, family member, or other personal resource, according to a statement from the department.

More information about the program, is available in many forms such as large print, audible, braille or other, by calling (734) 394-5430.

Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak (above) speaks to the audience celebrating the success of the Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation program at the Summit on the Park last week.

Several Wayne County and local community officials were in attendance during the recognition of the success of the Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation program at the Summit on the Park in Canton last week.

Inkster - Romulus - Sumpter

Person of the Year nominations sought

The 36th Person of the Year will be named in Romulus next spring.

Nominations for the honor will be accepted by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce until Dec. 8 by mail, email, in person or online. No nominations postmarked or received after Dec. 8 will be considered for the honor.

The criteria for the nominees are individuals that have made significant contributions to

Romulus and residents of the community. Nominations should include a biographical synopsis should stating reasons the nominee should be honored as the Person of the Year. The award presentation ceremony will take place in spring, 2023, chamber officials said.

An online nomination form is available at admin@romuluschamber.org. Completed forms can be mailed to the chamber office at 11189 Shook road, Suite 200, Romulus, MI 48174. Additional nomination forms are also available at the chamber office.

Nomination are open to the public although the nominator must submit a contact telephone number or email address. Nominees do not have to be a resident of Romulus but must meet the criteria of having made a significant contribution to the city.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee chosen by the members of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Promoted

The Romulus Police Department recently celebrated the promotion of the newest captain on the force, Nicole Harris. Harris is a life-long resident of the city, born and raised in Romulus, according to an official announcement from the department. According to Police Chief Robert Pfannes, Harris has steadily taken on more responsibility and competitively risen through the ranks. He said the entire department was proud of Harris' accomplishments and congratulated her on her new rank.

Funeral donations needed

Inkster community officials are asking the public to help with the funeral costs of two teens killed in a house fire last month.

The teens, Alex Hall, 17, and his disabled 15-year-old brother, Anthony, were unable to escape the fire and smoke at their home on Florence Street in Inkster. Authorities have ruled the cause of the fire as accidental. The boys were discovered by their mother, Shannon Hall, when she arrived home from work, officials said.

"I came home to find my house smokey and dark," said Hall. "When I walked in the house, I couldn't see, I used the light on my phone, and I could see my son on the couch, and I realized there had been a fire. My other son was in his bedroom."

In an effort to help with the funeral costs for the teens, a GoFundMe page has been established. Last week, more than 213 donations had been pledged to help Hall and $14,690 of the needed $50,000 had been donated.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Colleen Dumas-McKay - Recreation Director

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #22-273** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth
   Nays - None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe, Webb
   ~~**Motion Carried**~~. **Motion Failed - not passed by majority of votes by Council-Elect per City Charter.**
   B. **Res. # 22-274** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
   Nays - None Abstain - Abdo, Roscoe **Motion Carried**.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
   A. **Res. #22-275** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-8 in the amount of $177,000.00 to recognize revenue and corresponding expenditures for the engineering design for Wayne Road Sidewalks. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   A. **Res. #22-276** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt the Depository Resolution as provided by City Treasurer, Stacy Paige. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 7, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Happy trails

Sumpter Township officials were among those across the country who celebrated National Take a Hike Day earlier this month with inviting photos of Crosswinds Marsh. The new township Facebook page features photos of the 7.5 miles of trails in the marsh, three of which are designated for hiking and pedestrian only. The post noted that Michigan has more than 13,400 miles of state designated multi use trails while hiking only trails make up 4,020 of those. Michigan is also one of seven states that host the North Country Trail, which totals 4,800 miles. Like most other municipalities, Sumpter Township Hall will be closed today and tomorrow to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. To access the new Sumpter Township Facebook page, go to: https://www.facebook.com/sumptertownship

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
December 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 39827 Golfview Dr.- Article 18.1 - Schedule of Regulations
- Northeast corner of Napier & 5 Mile Rd., Parcel 77 071 99 0002 701 - Article 26.1(D) off street parking and loading/unloading
- 44711 6 Mile Rd. - Article 31.5(A)(1)(c) - Fences in Residential Districts
- 40941 8 Mile Rd. - Article 37.11(B) - Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans are available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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For further information or questions contact
Sarah Scholl
(734)453-6879 x2
Sarah.scholl@pcuw.org

WAYNE

Name 'sake'

Community center renamed to honor area commissioner

There have been some changes made at the former HYPE Athletics Center in Wayne which is now called the Abdul "Al' Haidous Community Center.

The name change, officials said, is in recognition of former Haidous' more than four-decades of service to the city as a councilman, mayor and now Wayne County Commission member.

A Democrat, he was first elected in November 2014 to represent the Wayne County Commission 11th District, which covers the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne; Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and part of the city of Westland. Haidous served as the mayor of the city of Wayne from 2001 until he was elected to the county commission. He served on the Wayne City Council from 1993 to 2001 and Board of Zoning Appeals from 1990-93. Haidous has served since 2007 as a board member for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, better known as SMART, and has served as its chairman. He was a Paul Harris Fellow with the Rotary Club of Wayne, an international ambassador for the Shriners Hospital for Children Moslem Temple Hospital Fund Drive, a member of The Salvation Army-Middlebelt Center advisory board and vice president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

During his time as mayor, the city merged Fire and Parks & Recreation department services with the neighboring city of Westland and consolidating public safety dispatch with the cities of Westland and Inkster.

Prior to his career in public service, Haidous and his wife, Mary, owned and operated Al's Friendly Market for 35 years in the city of Wayne. They are the parents of five children and have 12 grandchildren.

Abdul "Al" Haidous stands outside the newly renamed community center in Wayne which is now a tribute to his 40-years of service to the city.

Haidous has been recognized for his service at the local, county and national levels, earning the Wayne Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award in 1991.

The renaming celebration earlier this month was attended by family, friends, and elected officials from the communities Haidous continues to serve. Guest speakers included Professor Tallal Turfe, Crestwood School Board Member Hassan Beydoun, the Rev. Troy Mohammad, and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

Ali Sayed, the CEO of HYPE Athletics said it was an honor to recognize the achievements and successes Haidous has achieved.

"He's the gem of the community, naming the center after him just made perfect sense. He's deserving of this and more," Sayed said.

Funding

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exceed $500,000 for Industry Clubs in the cities of Detroit and Highland Park to enable youth to receive workforce training and entrepreneurial development in a variety of industries.

Wayne County has $320 million in ARPA funding to distribute to projects throughout the area. According to Alisha R. Bell, chairperson of the commission, the county has agreed to fund about $100 million of that total.

Bell said in a prepared statement that county commissioners intend to distribute the funding as soon as possible. She added that more federal ARPA funding for local projects is expected early in 2023.

Goodfellows help is available

Applications for holiday help from the Wayne Goodfellows organization will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dec. 3.

For nearly a century, the Goodfellows organizations across the country have provided toys, groceries and gifts during the annual No Child Without A Christmas campaign. In Wayne, the group provides support and assistance to nearly 300 families annually and during the holiday. The Wayne organization offers emergency help to those who have suffered a catastrophic event all year which prevents them from providing for themselves short term. Wayne Goodfellows also support various other local organization which provide support for the community.

For more information about the Goodfellows, call (734) 260-6849 or access support@waynegoodfellows.org. Applications for help or donations can be mailed to City of Wayne Goodfellows, P.O. Box 472, Wayne, MI 48184.

The Wayne Goodfellows is a 501 c 3 tax-exempt organization. All donations go to help families in the City of Wayne.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Carol Maise - City Planner; Derran Shelby - Deputy Chief of Police; Stephen Dudek - Technology Services Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #22-256** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams
     Nays - None Abstain - Webb **Motion Carried**
   - B. **Res. #22-257** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meetings held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Employee Matters (Study Session), at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report (Study Session), and at 7:15 p.m. to discuss Union Matters (Executive Session).
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams
     Nays - None Abstain - Webb **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - NONE
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report** - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor - Please see Clerks Office for complete copy of Minutes
   - A. **Res. #22-258** Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement with the Romulus Athletic Club to allow the use of Elmer Johnson Park for the purpose of football practice, football games, and the end of season clean up from October 5, 2022, through November 11, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #22-259** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the GSA contract GL-07F-173CA for the purchase of a new CCTV System from Actron Security Alarm Systems, Inc. for a total of $56,875.14. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #22-260** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Zoning Map Amendment 1.258 for RZ-2022-002; Salvation Army as requested by Romulus Development LLC to rezone 18.27 acres of property at 5931 Middlebelt Road, Parcel ID #80-002-99-0020-703, from R-M, Multiple-Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial.
     Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams Nays - Abdo **Motion Carried**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
8. **Public Comment**
   Eight (8) members of the public addressed the City Council.
9. **Unfinished Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
   Councilperson Williams inquired about the Veteran's Memorial Monument.
10. **New Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
11. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams Nays - None **Motion Carried**
    Councilperson Webb was not present during roll call vote.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 3, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
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Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - B. There were no Special Meetings held on Monday, October 10, 2022.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #22-266** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and accept the 2022 BJA FY 22 Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies grant award to the City of Romulus in the amount of $60,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. #22-267** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with Administration and consent to piggyback on MiDeal Contract #1800000000009 to purchase one (1) iX-7 Series postage machine for the price of $22,150.80 to be financed over a five (5) year period for $369.18 per month from Quadient Inc. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #22-268** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on NCPA RFP #05-17, Contract 10-03 for the purchase of playground equipment, surfacing material, labor, and installation at Opportunity Park for a total cost of $23,549.00 through the approved contractor, Pro Playgrounds. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - D. **Res. #22-269** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the GSA Contract GL-07F-173CA for the purchase of a punch pad security system from Actron Security Alarm Systems, Inc., for City Hall at a cost of $34,505.00 with a 10% ($3,450.00) contingency for a total cost of $37,955.50. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - E. **Res. #22-270** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to approve the proposal from Hennessey Engineers, for Professional Design and Permitting Services associated with the Wayne Road Sidewalk Design in the amount of $187,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - F. **Res. #22-271** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and introduce budget amendment 22/23-8 to recognize revenue and corresponding expenditures in the amount of $177,000.00 for the engineering design for Wayne Road Sidewalks.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-444-674.000	Contributions from Developers	$-	$177,000.00	$177,000.00
Expense				
101-444-823.000	Sidewalk Engineering	$10,000.00	$177,000.00	$187,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-272** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve Warrant #: 22-20 for checks presented in the amount of $4,625,598.74. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 24, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville

Community continues to mourn death of local couple

Northville police are continuing to investigate a single car accident last week that claimed the lives of a Northville couple, survived by their four children.

The accident took place at 12:17 a.m. Nov. 12 on Bayberry Way in the area of Seven Mile and Napier roads in Northville Township. The couple were identified as 46-year-old Omar Salamen and his wife, 40-year-old Manal Kadry. Preliminary findings indicate the Salamen, who was driving, was attempting to navigate a curve, left the road and struck a tree. Police said neither occupant of the vehicle survived the crash. The couple was reportedly returning to their Northville Township home following a visit with friends.

Manal Kadry was an interior designer operating her own design firm while her husband, Omar Salamen, was an oral surgeon at Dexter Oral Surgery. Friends and family members described the couple as a "perfect pair."

Since the incident, family and friends have flooded social channels with tributes to the couple's memory. Bassam Kadry said he started the social media campaign in an effort to combat the torrent of automated - and at times, false - online accounts of the accident.

The #MyManalStory campaign is also an effort to compile an archive of stories for the couple's survivors, Salamen's two teenage sons and their shared children both under the age of 4. Bassam Kadry said he wants their story to live in the hearts of everyone - not just those who were close to the couple. He said he planned to present the memorial tributes to the surviving children on Manal's birthday, Nov. 21.

Manal Kadry and her husband, Omar Salamen were killed in a tragic single-car accident in Northville Township last week while returning home from visiting friends. They leave behind four children.

"They just loved their family, friends, jobs, their community, their country, the world, and I think there are a lot more commonalities on that front than anything else," Bassam reportedly said. "Tm praying that their story and their legacy will resonate - beyond language, beyond religion beyond everything - because it resonates with what it means to be human."

Redesign of downtown city streets will be meeting topic

The Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and representatives from design firm Grissim, Metz and Andriese (GMA) will host a meeting regarding design plans for the downtown street closures at 8 a.m. Nov. 29 at Northville City Hall. The design consultant and traffic consultant teams (GMA and Fleis & Vandenbrink) will host a joint workshop on Dec. 7 to make presentations, gather public comment and take a walking tour of the downtown street closures.

"We're inviting anyone who is interested to attend the meetings and share your thoughts and ideas," said DDA Director Lori Ward.

The downtown street closures on Main and Center are in the spotlight as representatives from (GMA) examine the current assets and conditions and consider 'what could be' in terms of an iconic social district entrance; a rejuvenated public space; and new activities and amenities, according to a recent online account posted in the City News.

"The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) goal is to create an environment that is active and interesting with a sense of community, and is beautiful and compatible with historic downtown. It will become a so-called "third place" where friends, families and guests can gather, in addition to home and work or school. Restaurants and retailers will be able to optimize their business offerings through unique outdoor settings on an expanded footprint. The plan will minimize the impact of weather on the outdoor experience and provide a safe, clean place to gather. The structures and fixtures will be able to be moved or removed if placemaking plans change," the account continued.

> *The downtown street closures on Main and Center are in the spotlight .*

Key to the transition are details such as lighting, activating the pavement to make it more like a promenade, removing traffic signage, and making the area more accessible to people with disabilities. GMA will share information with traffic engineering consultant, Fleis & Vandenbrink, which is addressing the impact of rerouted traffic on residential areas and non-arterial roads, which provide local access but aren't neighborhood streets, according to officials.

The main entrance to the social district, at Main and Center, will reflect the "timeless with a twist" theme for Downtown Northville by establishing a sense of place that is "magical yet authentic." It could also provide branding opportunities for the city and businesses.

GMA is working with the DDA Economic Development Committee, also known as the advisory committee, to address the design, management and operational issues associated with the creation of the permanent pedestrian area. When the project is complete, GMA will provide a conceptual plan with phasing and cost estimates. This initial project cost was shared by the DDA and city of Northville, city personnel noted.

The Historic District Commission (HDC) is involved in the project since the street structures could become semi-permanent fixtures. Those include the DDA-owned booths for visitors and vendors, and restaurant-owned sidewalls and arched plexiglass roofs.

Tipping Point Theatre presents holiday classic

Tipping Point Theatre launched the 15th theatrical season this month with a production of Joe Landry's adaptation of It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.

"We begin our 15th season with a classic," said Co-Producing Artistic Director Julia Glander. "This story within a story…within a story about love and redemption holds up remarkably well in our present, pandemic world.

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will continue at the Tipping Point through Dec. 18. Tickets are on sale now and for prices and availability, call (248) 347-0003.

Following these performances, the season continues with the Michigan premiere of Loy A. Webb's The Light, followed by Robert Harling's modern classic Steel Magnolias, and concludes with the world premiere of the Tracy L. Spada comedy Game. Set. Match!

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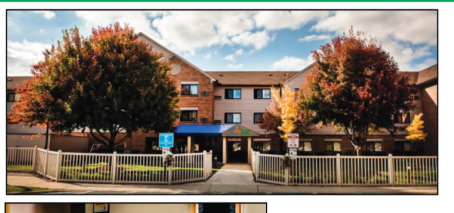
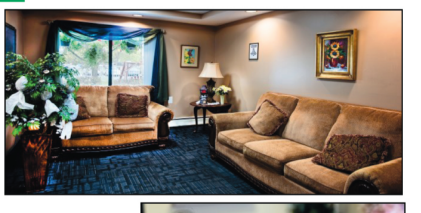

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WESTLAND

Longest serving mayor set to resign Jan. 16

Bill Wild may be leaving the mayor's office but he isn't leaving Westland just yet.

Wild announced that he will resign as the mayor of the city Jan. 16 to take a position as the president and CEO of the Midwest Independent Retailer Association, based in West Bloomfield.

Wild, who was raised in Westland and is a graduate of John Glenn High School, has been the mayor of the city since 2007 and is the longest serving mayor in Westland. He served on the city council prior to becoming mayor.

> *He said the change to the new job will allow the family to enjoy a more normal lifestyle.*

Wild has guided the city in attempts to convert the old Marshall Upper Elementary School building into a community facility, was instrumental in the initial curbside recycling program in the city and the return of the program after financial concerns forced cancellation of the service. Wild was also at the helm of the city during the renovation of the former Circuit City building which opened as the new city hall in 2014. That renovation and building have been awarded several honors for innovation. He also hired the first Chief Diversity Officer in the city.

Wild said his leaving will allow him to spend more time with his family. His son plays college hockey and his two daughters are "very active." He said the change to the new job will allow the family to enjoy a more normal lifestyle. He added that he and his family have no plans to leave Westland.

He said he was honored that the Midwest Independent Retailer Association considered him for the prestigious position. Wild added that he is confident that the city is in good hands with good leadership. He added that he is "proud of the work I've done here."

Mayor William R. WIld

Westland man accused of helping terrorist groups

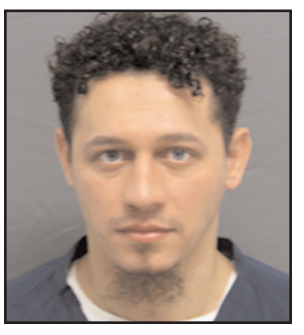
A Westland man is accused of attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, also know as ISIS, a designated foreign terrorist organization.

In a federal indictment unsealed last week, Aws Mohammed Naser, 34, was charged with the federal offense which, if convicted, carries a 20 year prison term. Naser is also accused of being a felon in possession of a destructive device, an offense which carries a 15-year prison term upon conviction.

"Terrorism poses significant threats to people living in our district and around the world," United States Attorney Dawn Ison said. "We will aggressively investigate and prosecute anyone who seeks to aid terrorists."

Federal officials said Naser tried to provide support to ISIS in the form of personnel, including himself, and services between 2011 and October 2017, knowing that ISIS was a designated terrorist organization.

The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating the case.



Aws Mohammed Naser

Naser, whose Department of Corrections file shows he has several aliases, was convicted of armed robbery in 2013 in Oakland County and sentenced the next year to between three and 20 years, and assigned to the Carson City correctional facility.

A news report from 2013 said Nasar used pepper spray on a gas station clerk and robbed him on New Year's Day. According to the report, it was a Mobil station on Opdyke Road where he once worked. There were no serious injuries.

The Justice Department offered few details about Naser or the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Saima Mohsin is prosecuting the case, with assistance from Dmitriy Slavin of the national security division counterterrorism section.

Fill a SWAT truck tomorrow

There will be a menacing looking SWAT truck parked in the lot at Crunch Fitness tomorrow, but there is no cause for alarm. The vehicle is there for a good cause.

The Westland Police Department is sponsoring the fifth Stuff a SWAT Truck event, an effort that provides gifts for the Westland Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas campaign. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the truck will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for Westland children for Christmas. Crunch Fitness is located at 35715 Warren Road and Santa Claus will be on hand for free photos.

To help the effort, 99.5 WYCD will be at the event and representatives will be handing out free giveaways to those who donate.

The Westland Goodfellows program has seen a decline in donations this year and the supply of toys for the less fortunate is slim, a spokesman noted. This event is the main source of gifts for the program.

Library remodeling under way

A planned $5.3 million renovation and expansion of the William P. Faust Westland Public Library is now under way and will include the addition of 7,000 square feet to the building. The current location will close to the public until a potential reopening of the remodeled facility next fall. Services will be available beginning in late January at the Marshall Upper Elementary School building on Bayview Street, officials said.

While online services will continue without interruption, other services including loaning of books and materials will be available at nearby libraries include Canton Township, Garden City and Wayne. Officials said those facilities will honor a Westland library card during the project.

Among the planned improvements at the Westland library are an additional nine meeting rooms. A new open layout, a programming room, new carpet and paint are all planned for the building.

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Canton - Plymouth

Red Kettle Campaign sparks friendly rivalry

Bells will soon be ringing throughout the area as the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign begins the annual drive for funding to help the less fortunate.

The traditional rivalry between the members of the Plymouth Kiwanis and Plymouth Rotary clubs is expected to be even fiercer this year and each club is determined to collect the most donations to help those less fortunate in the Plymouth communities. While the Kiwanis members out collected the Rotarians during the bell-ringing campaign last year, the Rotary Morning Club members have agreed to join the Noon Club members to ensure victory this year by sheer numbers of volunteer bell-ringers.

Christmas is an especially important time for The Salvation Army, which distributes Christmas food boxes to families in need, gift cards for food for senior citizens and toys to families in need for wrapping under the Christmas tree. The Red Kettle bell-ringing campaign is a major component of the fund raising effort, officials said.

"This area is facing record numbers of the poor and destitute needing basic human services such as enough food to eat and a place to lay their heads," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander of The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "Donating to The Salvation Army is the most direct way to help those touched by the state's continued economic woes, because .85 cents of every dollar given in your community goes directly to fund programs that change lives."

> *Both Rotary and Kiwanis members are sure their efforts will be the most successful this year.*

Officials from the Salvation Army explained that the need this year is greater than ever for the most vulnerable-those who may be choosing between paying rent or buying Christmas presents for their children, getting their medications or putting food on the table for their family. The effects of the pandemic have been felt in an extreme manner by many local families, they said.

The 82-day campaign began with tree lighting ceremonies in several local communities this month. This year, the goal is $8.2 million, a figure needed to ensure the organization can continue providing more than 3 million meals and nearly 700,000 nights of shelter each year to the less fortunate, officials said.

Both Rotary and Kiwanis members are sure their efforts will be the most successful this year and are entreating everyone to help with whatever amount they can put into the kettles which will be manned by volunteer bell-ringers at public places and markets throughout the Plymouth community.

Founded by William and Catherine Booth in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 3,194,802 million meals and 687,203 nights of shelter for the homeless. For more information about The Salvation Army, call 877-SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich.org.

Clothing drive under way

With winter temperatures already here, Friends of Unity Church representatives are seeking clothing for children 3 to 14 years old-socks, underwear and warm pajamas. The clothing will go to God's Storehouse, a Detroit charity that assists people who are homeless or living in poverty.

> *Donors can drop off clothing through Dec. 4.*

Donors can drop off clothing through Dec. 4 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building at 774 N, Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Clothing can be placed in a labeled drop box in the lobby from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. until noon Sundays.

The Special Youth Clothing Collection is in collaboration with Song and Spirit, a Royal Oak interfaith nonprofit. It is part of Friends of Unity's broader guiding principles, which include serving the homeless, the hungry, the illiterate and animal shelters. Activities include spring and fall yard cleanup in partnership with Plymouth Community Arts Council, serving families and collecting food for Northville Civic Concern.

Friends of Unity is a Unity Church, founded in 2010.

The Unity community is open to all faiths, offering practical tools and uplifting resources to help people apply positive spiritual principles in their daily lives, according to a prepared release.

Winter Walk

Tickets are going fast for the Winter Wonderland Walk in Heritage Park in Canton Township. The park will feature seasonal light displays and decorations installed around the large pond along with visits from Santa, ice carvings and special winter refreshments for sale from vendors. The Winter Wonderland Walk will take place from 5 until 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Pre-registration for the special event is required and each visitor must register for an assigned time slot. Cost for the holiday walk is $6 per Canton resident and $7 for non-residents. The walk is appropriate for all ages. The walk will take place in the Heritage Park located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 South Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.cantofun.org/678.

Mental health workshops offered

Canton Township Leisure Services is currently offering a free series of mental health workshops to help area residents learn important self-care skills. Participants in the Family First and Social Services Workshops will receive information and be introduced to practices that support mental well-being, according to Laura Mortier, Canton recreation supervisor.

"Our goal with these free workshops is to offer resources, as well as educational opportunities, so that individuals can find tools of support for themselves or ways to help support others," said Mortier. "These unique opportunities are designed to show and help participants learn how to nurture themselves and develop mindful self-care plans on a variety of topics."

These workshops are free and open to everyone meeting the age limit, with no residency requirement. All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Scheduled workshops include: Navigating the Mental Healthcare System: Monday, Dec. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); Suicide TALK: Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); QPR Training for Suicide Prevention: Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. (Ages 16 and up) and Understanding and Supporting Change: Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information and to register for these and other free workshops, visit www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.